

ENCLOSURE "A"

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

ENDORSEMENT OF H.R. 6448

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence
With the Unanimous Concurrence of the
Intelligence Advisory Board

1. It is recommended that the National Intelligence Authority authorize the dispatch to Hon. Wilbur D. Mills, Member of Congress from Arkansas, of a letter endorsing H.R. 6448.

2. This Bill, introduced into the House by Mr. Mills, provides for the establishment of a National Science Foundation as an independent Government agency. The purpose of the proposed Foundation is to promote the progress of science and the useful arts, secure the national defense, and advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare.

3. The Bill is outlined in Appendix "B". It has full endorsement of the Office of Scientific Research and Development which would be absorbed by the Foundation.

4. The proposed activities and organization of the Foundation have been given careful consideration by the Central Intelligence Group and it is felt that establishment of the Foundation as proposed in this Bill will be of considerable value to the National Intelligence Authority in the performance of its mission.

5. On approval by the National Intelligence Authority of the above recommendation, the letter of endorsement, Appendix "A", will be dispatched to Mr. Mills.